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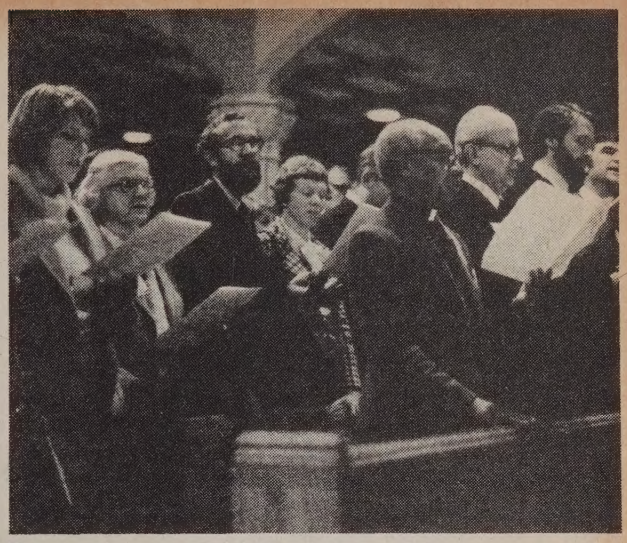

Hymn singers at Annual Meeting, from left: missionaries Bob and Nelda Thelin; staff members Chester Marcus, Howard Schomer, Jeff Utter; missionary Eric Gass. Photo: Tom Bentz.

WORLD BOARD'S ANNUAL MEETING:

Corporate Members Assess Programs, Act on Social Concerns

From a keynote address which emphasized not only the heme "One World - One Family" but also "One Lord," to a noving final service of communion, the 169th Annual Meeting f the United Church Board for World Ministries involved corporate members and guests in searching consideration of the Board's wide range of programs overseas and their effective nterpretation in the U.S.A. Imaginative hospitality by Wisconin hosts at the Madison meeting in mid-November gave a speial lift to the spirits of participants as they worked their way hrough a demanding three-day agenda.

Several resolutions on social concerns provoked extenive discussion before being voted. One called upon the Nestle Company to cease promoting its infant formula in leveloping countries (see p. 13). Another called for an interationally sponsored investigation of human rights violations y the government of Cambodia and for aid to Cambodian efugees.

A resolution on a "Gospel Person Rule of Investment Stewardship" called upon those managing the Board's investnents to observe not only the legal requirements of prudent oncern for safety and yield but also gospel concerns for naximum social benefit. An effort is to be made to seek out investment enterprises which are not only profitable but labor intensive, ecologically sound, worker owned, community controlled, not involved in making weapons, but involved in the production of necessary goods and services.

More than 1500 people attended the Annual Meeting's opening celebration, among them 40 men and women from overseas—missionaries and fraternal visitors—who, in the following days, gave substance to the meeting's theme of "One World, One Family."

At the opening worship, an offering of $2,356.43 was received to support a newly formed ecumenical Christian committee, "Freedom of Faith," which works for religious rights in countries where faith conflicts with the dictates of government. (See p. 14.)

In addition to their in-depth review of the Board's work around the world, the corporate members elected two vice presidents, Mrs. Sandra Rooney of Nebraska and the Rev. Leroy Calbom of Washington; and 13 directors, more than half of whom have been closely connected with work overseas.

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ONE WORLD, ONE FAMILY, ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. SEE PAGES 7 - 10.

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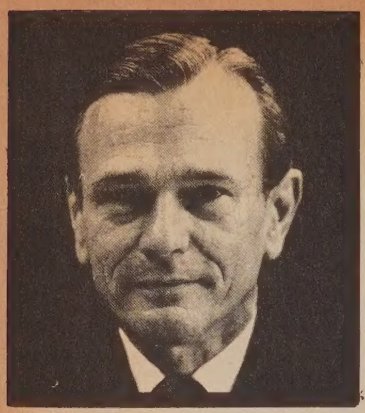


MESSAGE FROM THE EVP

More and more Christians have caught the vision of a growing church. On a recent trip to Florida I was told of the tremendous potential for new church development there and of plans for 20 new UCC congregations in that conference. It is as if church leaders who had settled for a holding operation in order to pursue a variety of social goals or to focus on self-fulfilment ministries had suddenly discovered again the primary task of calling people to commitment and into the community which is the body of Christ, the living instrument of his presence and action in the world.

Similar signals have been coming to me from my colleagues since early in 1978, and here are some of them:

The **Middle East Council of Churches**, having spent several strenuous years finding itself after its organization in 1974 and coping with emergency needs among its peoples, is launching a ministry to new regions and communities.

Northern Ghana is a frontier region for the church in that country. More than 20 new congregations have already been started, but many have no buildings. Aid to their church building program would establish and enhance this growth.

In **South Africa** thousands of people have been uprooted and dumped in barren new locations. The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa gives high priority to helping these new communities build churches and other facilities.

In **Japan** two programs are especially aimed at church growth. One is expanded radio evangelism, and response to existing efforts has already been great, especially among university students. The other projects land acquisition and an initial building for ministry in huge new "satellite cities."

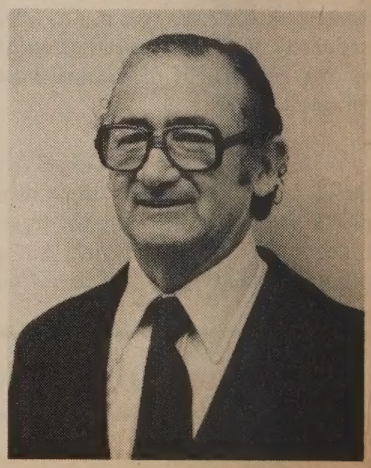
In **Taiwan** the religious news is the great continuing potential for growth of the Christian community, especially among impoverished mountain tribal peoples. Matching grants for basic facilities can often spell the difference between success and failure for young congregations.

In **Indonesia**, where there has been remarkable church growth in the last dozen years, established congregations are being asked to provide ministers for unchurched high-potential areas. Partner churches like ours are invited to help with expensive moving costs and support for a first year of ministry. Radio evangelism is another significant opportunity, for local stations are usually willing to air at no cost good programs prepared by churches. An outstanding church leader is just returning from communications study here, and he will produce materials and train workers in media use. Our help is needed to underwrite these opportunities.

All these ventures in extending, strengthening, and encouraging the Christian community reflect local commitment and strategies for mission. But in each case there is need for assistance from us, sometimes in personnel, often in funds. With many others we hear again the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations." We have waited long enough. "Do you now say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes and see how the fields are already white for harvest." (John 4:35-6)

David M. Stowe

Welcome, Ruben Lores



The Rev. Ruben Lores is serving on the UCBWM staff this year as missiologist-in-residence. A native of Cuba, Sr. Lores has lived also in the United States and became a citizen here in 1958.

For the past 18 years he has been based in San Jose, Costa Rica, holding various posts with the Latin American Biblical Seminary, the Latin America Mission, and the International Evangelism-in-Depth organization. From 1950 to 1954 he served as a missionary in Morocco. He has participated in many international conferences and published numerous articles on the theology of mission and on theological education.

Ruben Lores was married in December, and we welcome him and his bride, Ligia Maria, to the UCBWM staff family during the remaining months of this assignment.

New Relations with The People's Republic of China

A LETTTER TO THE BOARD

Just before Christmas the following letter—handwritten in English—was received by the UCBWM. The writer was a friend and colleague of the Stowes and other China missionaries. In 1930 she studied for a year at the Hartford Theological Seminary.

Dear Friends:

Merry Christmas! How are you? I miss all of you. I have waited for this good news so long. Praise God! I listened to the radio this morning and learned that your country has at last recognized my country, the People's Republic of China. I hope to see some of you here in Tientsin.

I am very old. Ten years ago I was paralyzed. I can walk very slowly. I live alone. Wang Hsu Chien is better. She lives not far. But neither one of us can take the bus, we can't see each other often. I wish to ask her to be with me on Christmas.

Where are all of my friends? Where is Katherine Schutze? Where is Alice Murphy? How is Constance Buell?

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Yours, Sun Shu Chen

孙淑贞

(For the information of our readers, Alice Murphy is living at Pilgrim Place retirement center in Claremont, California, and Constance Buell is in Walker Missionary Home in Auburndale, Massachusetts. Katherine Schutze was not a UCBWM missionary and is unknown to us.)

CHRISTMAS 1978 IN THE P. R. C.

– For the first time since the Communists took over in 1949, Chinese television broadcast religious music on Christmas Eve—a program of hymns sung by a Yugoslav choir on tour in the P.R.C.

– Until now, Chinese worshippers at the traditional midnight mass in Peking's Nantang Catholic Church numbered only a couple of dozen sitting at the rear, trying to pass unnoticed, and carefully avoiding all contact with foreigners. On Christmas Eve 1978, scores of Chinese came to worship, mixed openly with foreigners, and actually sat beside diplomats and their families.

– from Agence France-Presse

THE UCC STATEMENT ON CHINA

Following is a joint statement issued on December 20, 1978 by Dr. Avery Post, president of the UCC, and Dr. David M. Stowe, executive vice president of the UCBWM, on establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China. Dr. Stowe was a missionary in China from 1947 to 1950. The Rev. Paul R. Gregory, Pacific Regional Secretary of the UCBWM and a missionary to China in 1947 and 1948, shared in framing the statement.

The United Church of Christ welcomes the long-overdue establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China. In 1971 the General Synod of the UCC urged that the People's Republic of China be accepted as a member of the United Nations and that relations between the U.S.A. and the P.R.C. be normalized. When leadership changed in China in 1977, the UCBWM again called attention to the opportunity and the urgent need of the U.S. to establish diplomatic relations with China.

At the same time the Board called for guarantees of human rights and democratic processes both on the mainland and in Taiwan in response to appeals by the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan for worldwide attention to these issues. The ruling Kuomintang in Taiwan has been notoriously indifferent and even hostile to human and civil rights of the people of the island.

The agreements between Washington and Peking raise hopes that the government of Taiwan will now recognize and foster the rights and aspirations of all the Taiwanese people. Both the U.S. and the P.R.C. seem to envision a gradual and peaceable resolution of the status of Taiwan, with opportunity for an appropriate degree of self-determination over a long period of time. The pretension of the Taiwan government to be the government of mainland China is swept away. But all U.S. agreements with Taiwan remain in force except the mutual security treaty, and even that continues through 1979. And P.R.C. Deputy Prime Minister Teng Hsiao-ping is on record as being content that any fundamental change between Taiwan and the mainland will take many years.

These assurances should motivate the ruling party on Taiwan to relax its strict control of the Taiwanese people and to adopt a humane attitude toward them. In China proper, the wall posters that speak of human rights and democracy have to be interpreted through Chinese concepts, ancient and modern, but it seems reasonable to hope that the changes on the mainland and the new realities on Taiwan may make for some genuine progress in those terms on both sides of the Formosa Strait.

One of the most significant elements in the new Chinese policy is the plan for large-scale exchanges of personnel with the U.S., including the sending of thousands of young people for study in the West. Christian churches must be alert and ready to share cordially in these enlarging contacts, contributing both good will and Christian perspectives to the process of communication which now appears to be opening up.

More Is Needed Than Science and Skill

As the doctors and I entered the children's ward for rounds, we noticed that the young mother of the first child seemed to be in despair. But her child, who had been seriously ill with measles, was gaining strength. He looked better that morning. When the doctor examined him, he found nothing unusual.

I thought the crisis had passed and spoke to reassure the mother, but to my surprise she broke down in tears and said that her child would die. She said that four other children from the same household had died of measles within the week, and she knew that her child too would die. Her fears could not be talked away. After trying to give her encouragement and urging her to feed the child carefully, we moved on to the next patient.

Within a few minutes we heard a piercing cry from the mother. Her child lay dead in her arms. It seemed that somehow the mother's despair had been transmitted to her child, and the child had lost the will to live.

In medical terms the death could be explained by saying that the combination of measles and malnutrition proved fatal. But the mother's own superstitious belief—that the Angel of Death had visited the house and therefore the death of her child was inevitable—had meant that she was simply unable to give the love, assurance, and hope that the child needed for recovery.

I have seen other children die and heard other mothers cry, but this one stands out in my memory. That death might have been prevented if the child had been immunized and the mother had been better educated about nutrition. But more than scientific knowledge and skills were required to meet the needs of that mother and child. The remedy for the mother's fears would be the presence in her village of Christians who demonstrate God's love in their own lives.

In this Year of the Child, 1979, village people, school teachers and children, university professors, and medical workers of all kinds are working together to raise the health level of children throughout the world. I rejoice in the knowledge that as these people, many of them dedicated Christians, join hands in the struggle to improve the health of village and city children around the world, they demonstrate God's love for his children.

Gertrude (Trudy) Braun, a nurse, and her husband Dr. Richard Braun have returned to the United States after 21 years in Ghana as missionaries of the UCBWM. Trudy told this story at the UCC National Meeting of Women for Leadership Development Meeting held in Cincinnati in January.

Where There Is No Doctor

Martha Knoll is the daughter of medical missionaries Ed and Fran Riggs, but she's had no medical training herself—just years of watching her parents cope with all the multitude of problems that arise in a South Indian village. But Martha and her husband Nathan, UCBWM volunteers in community development in a remote area of South India, are expected to be able to deal with anything—a heart attack, a severe kidney infection, a deep wound inflicted by a rampaging bull. A few weeks ago the climax came: Martha was called for a delivery.

"She was filled with terror," reports Nathan, "as the prospect of being responsible in a situation that she had no possible qualification or training for. She had seen several hospital deliveries, but that was it. So—with *Where There Is No Doctor* by David Werner tucked firmly under one arm and some basic equipment under the other—she determinedly set out.

"All this trepidation was silly, of course," they agreed later. "Women have been delivering babies on their own for thousands of years. The mother made it seem easy, and by the end Martha was feeling so useless that she made a big show of tying and cutting the cord. Her real contribution was to try to keep things as sterile as possible, often without much luck. Happily, a healthy baby girl was born, and Martha participated in a small traditional ceremony for the baby before leaving. So life goes on . . . "

THE MISSION I CELEBRATE

by Padmasani Gallup

A young girl, a Saivite Hindu, is left with the Scudders of Jaffna. They take her in and give her a home till she's old enough to have a home of her own.

A 17-year-old high school student is given up by her physician as a hopeless case of typhoid. Pauline Jeffrey, then a teacher, stays with the student all night, wrapping wet sheets around her fevered body, and participates in the miracle of healing.

A young college student is found to have tuberculosis of the lung. Dr. Ned Wilder sends him to a T.B. sanitorium to save his health and give assurance of a long life.

Today I celebrate the *gift* of life through these three—life gifted and renewed because of personal and loving concern and care in the name of Jesus Christ.

The young girl from Jaffna was my grandmother, the high school student my mother, and the college student my father.

Today I can also celebrate the *wholeness* of life as I attempt in my turn—drawing on God's overflowing love and energy—to help bring fullness of life, freedom of spirit, and wholeness of selfhood to my sisters and neighbors, because you are *all* with me in this effort.

(Padmasani Gallup and her husband David are UCBWM missionaries in South India, where both serve on the staff of the Tamilnad Theological Seminary near Madurai. Padma's statement was presented at the 169th Annual Meeting of the Board in November, 1978 in Madison, Wisconsin.)

A Widow Confronts the System

by Aiko Carter

"My husband is not a god," says Mrs. Tasuko Nakaya. "The right to commemorate him in my own way should be recognized." Mrs. Nakaya's husband, Takafumi, was killed in a car accident in 1968 while he was on duty for the Japanese National Defense Forces. In 1972, contrary to Yasuko's wishes, Takafumi was enshrined at a Shinto shrine by the defense authorities.

Yasuko realizes that she has been pushed into the same morass as the widows of World War II 30 years ago. According to Japanese tradition, men who die in service die for the emperor, and so they are enshrined as the country's property. In the past the emperor was the central power figure, and his absolutism kept him at the top of the vertical social structure. The common people were bound by the social order as inferiors, and women were usually at the very bottom of the ladder, obliged to submit to the power of the family system and the conviction—which still persists today—that their husbands are the emperor's property. In a country where everything is solved by group consensus, Yasuko's human rights are seen as amounting to almost nothing.

But Yasuko is a Christian, and she belives in one God. She could not accept the decision that her husband was to receive the honorable title of a Shinto god and be placed in the village shrine, even though the rest of the community said it was an honor. Yasuko felt that her faith required her to confront the traditional household system, which still remains the rule of the community. Therefore, she did not follow the decision made by the head of the household, who considered the enshrinement of his son a tribute to the family. She also stood up against the ruling power of the nation, which has been gradually turning back toward the oppressive system of the past.

In long court battles over the last five years, Yasuko's struggle against state and shrine has been shared and supported by her church and many other Christians in Japan. Although she receives brutal and insulting letters, she sees her legal struggles as God's purpose in which she has to participate—though it may be for her whole lifetime—for the sake of the future Japan.

One purpose of Christian mission today is to form new relationships with people by responding to how they actually live and think. And that's what women in Japan are doing now. In dialogue with their community, they are searching for what it means to be a whole person. That search involves them in analyzing the social forces, such as the emperor system, that have shaped their lives. It may also involve them, as it has involved Yasuko, in a struggle against household and community, government and social custom, as they seek to be whole and free.

(Aiko Carter and her husband Tony are UCBWM missionaries based in Tokyo, Japan.)

The Rev. Samuel Arends of South Africa Visits U.S. Churches

The Rev. Samuel H. Arends

"I think with outside pressure a change is bound to come in my country. Some of the younger whites are not agreeing with their parents—with the policy of racial segregation, with the Intermarriage Act, etc. I have hope—and it is the opinion of our black leaders—that change will surely come within the next few years."

These were the words of the Rev. Samuel H. Arends, chairman (moderator) of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, who talked informally with UCBWM staff members in late January during a short visit to the U.S. His trip included meetings with church people in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois, and Indiana. Earlier Mr. Arends was an official observer at the meeting of the World Council of Churches in Jamaica.

Speaking warmly of his church's relationship with the United Church of Christ, Mr. Arends said, "You have enriched the life of our church through your members who have been sent to serve among us. It is our prayer that you will continue to have a concern for people in other countries and for their struggles to gain freedom. I emphasize that freedom brings responsibility. Freedom means to act as you are led by the Holy Spirit."

A graduate of the former Fort Hare University, Mr. Arends has held various pastorates in South Africa. Bethesda Congregational Church in Port Elizabeth, his present congregation, is one of the largest churches in the UCCSA, with a membership of over 3,000 communicants. He is also a prominent figure in his community, serving as chairman of the management committee of the "coloured" areas of Port Elizabeth.

Report from Beirut: a boy, a girl, a teacher

The girl was 14, the oldest of eight children, and she and her family were living in the refugee camp at Tel Zatar in Lebanon near Beirut. One morning while she was talking with her mother at the front door, a bomb exploded. The mother was killed. The girl was blinded. On the same day, a short distance away, the father also was killed.

But the girl was lucky. She had grandparents. They took her to the Lebanon Evangelical School for the Blind in Beirut. They look after the children at home while she is away in school.

The girl is very bright. Already she is learning braille in both English and Arabic. She is deft at caning and basketry. In another two years she will graduate and start her own small industry. She will be an independent member of society.

The boy was 15, and he was fighting at a roadblock near his home in Lebanon. In front of him a bomb fell. Miraculously, he survived, intact but for one thing: his eyesight was gone.

His family could not cope, physically or emotionally, given all the other pain and chaos around them. So the boy left home, found his way to nearby Beirut and to the Evangelical School for the Blind. There—safe and among those who could help—he was overcome with bitterness and despair. Why didn't I die? Why am I alive? Why should I live?

At first his young teacher found a half hour with him so exhausting that afterward she needed another half hour to pull her own self together. Frequently the boy insisted on going home to the family who had rejected him. Each time he came back in redoubled despair, and the laborious work of salvage had to start all over again.

"Then," says the teacher, "I began to tell him about Jesus—that he too suffered. I told him that Jesus cares about him, loves him, has a special plan for him even though he's blind. I keep telling him Jesus will help him. He's beginning now—just beginning—to believe that."

The teacher is Mary Mikhail, a Christian from Syria, an experienced teacher of the blind and a student at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut. Soon she will complete her degree in religious education. She will go on with her work at the School for the Blind—but now with a new dimension: she will give one hour each day to Christian teaching. She considers this a call from God—to share her skills and faith with these boys and girls who have lost not only sight but purpose and hope.

(The Lebanon Evangelical School for the Blind is supported in part by the Middle East Council of Churches, a partner of the UCBWM in the countries of the Middle East.)

1978 Report of the Division of World Service, United Church Board for World Ministries

One Great Hour of Sharing

The figures at the far right of this poster show the amounts which we in the United Church of Christ gave, in Christ's name, in the first ten months of 1978 to others in need throughout the world. The photographs of our ministries, ranging from aid for flood victims in India (top center) to programs of medical, agricultural, and vocational development in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, show some of the results of our gifts to those in need of Disaster Relief, Refugee Service, Social Service, and Development. For more detailed information on how our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing were shared, read the 1978 Annual Report of the United Church Board for World Ministries, a copy of which has been sent to your church with this poster.

Gifts shared with the world family

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hen St. John wrote from Jerusalem to e early Christian churches in distant ia, he urged these congregations to derstand and feel the unity of the ire Christian church. The church was en, and is now, like a family. As con- egations, we may be separated one m the other, but we are still one world- de family. It was for this reason that hn said, "If any one has the world's ods and sees his brother [or sister] need, yet closes his heart against n [or her], how does God's love abide him?" (I John 3:17)

e have seen many needs during 1978. ere have been many disasters from ought and flood, from earthquake and il strife. One of the pictures in the ster reproduced above shows the ermath of a flood in India in Sep- mber. Though we have had no major r for a long time, we have had con- uous changes of government and rush-fire" wars, and oppression has t been removed from the face of the rth; and so we have new groups of ugees. These refugees flee with what they can carry on their backs—and hope that, somewhere, someone will show compassion on them as "strangers within the gates."

Wherever such a ministry of compassion is carried on, there are those who feel that there are other needs that can also be met. So some of the younger churches are trying to aid specifically the older persons among those in need. Other churches are working to bring vocational training to the youth—including school drop-outs who do not want, or are unable, to go to the university. Sometimes all that is needed is a bit of help to get going.

It is the business of the members of a family to assist each other in maturing. To "grow up" is to be able to fend for one's self. Hunger, poverty, disease, cannot always be cared for by emergency methods only. There must come a time when each member shall be able to meet his or her own needs. So within our world family we meet the needs of those who are perennially hungry, not only with emergency methods, but with capital investment, with improved seeds and fertilizers. We call this "development." It is really the ability of a family member to stand alone, within the fellowship and support of the family—not in an *independent* manner, but in an *interdependent* manner which befits a family.

During 1978, the members of the United Church of Christ, as one part of the worldwide family, have seen the needs of persons in many parts of the world. The Division of World Service of the United Church Board for World Ministries, as a functioning part of that family, has delivered your gifts to meet these needs. Other parts of the family have helped in this process. It is the family fellowship which makes it possible to meet needs, as is illustrated on the next pages. Because it is a family business, it operates at the lowest possible overhead. Most of what is given gets there. We are closer to abiding in God's love because we shared.

Dollars seem hard, cold and impersonal. However, they are but the translations of human effort into something easily negotiable. An hour's work, translated into dollars, is very easily transported to another place in the world where members of the family are in need. The figures below show, in two broad categories, the contributions of the members of the United Church of Christ. They also show, in broad strokes, how the dollars were used, by function. These figures are *preliminary*. They show income and expenses through ten months of the year through the end of October 31, 1978. They are not audited figures. The final audited figures will be a part of the financial report of the entire Board for World Ministries and will be available some time later in 1979.

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Disaster Relief: $277,100*

In July of this year, a researcher in London stirred up almost as much fury as a cyclone by issuing press releases which purported to prove that voluntary organizations do not know how to respond to disasters. The releases said that, instead of assistance, voluntary organizations often provide only confusion. Since we in the U.S. seem to like to read bad news, newspapers throughout the U.S. picked up the researcher's original article, then published more of their own in the same vein.

There is little order in time of disaster. As Hurricane *Greta* moved across the Caribbean, the tiny country of Belize, which had suffered badly from Hurricane *Hattie* in 1961, made all the preparations it could. There were very few deaths; three of these were on an island where the family had no access to radio. But there was extensive property damage. There is no way to hold grapefruit or oranges on the trees in 125 mile-per-hour winds. There is no way to hold the corn upright and save it from drowning when the rain comes down in buckets.

A young farmer named Carlos had planted his small acreage in watermelons. He was also operating a small broiler business, starting about 200 birds every two weeks. He was a graduate of the local 4-H Center's training program—a program directed by a United Church pastor, the Rev. John Dieterly, working for Heifer Project International and partially supported by your gifts. Carlos wanted the capital from the melons to expand his poultry business. Then came Hurricane *Greta*—just at the time the melons were to be harvested. Instead of a whole harvest he salvaged four melons. He lost his broiler houses. John Dieterly gave him a job at the 4-H Center. But Carlos didn't need work. He needed his courage restored. *Greta* had hit in September; by mid-November your gifts had helped Carlos to go back to his farm and put it in order.

In Disaster Relief, we provide many things. One of them is dollars to put things in order. Others are courage, hope, confidence—*family* support. The disorder caused by a disaster makes orderly response difficult. It takes a while to develop coordination of requests. But the biggest disorder comes from those who are moved to do something. They are the ones who ship a carload of pickles to a port without consultation as to how they can be used, how they can be sent, and indeed whether they are wanted. The church's response is to the appeal of some other member of the family who asks for what he knows he can use.

■ In November, we received a cable from Lloyd Van Vactor, a member of our family serving as a UCBWM missionary in Marawi, asking for $1,000 to buy rice for persons who were suffering from the effects of the civil war on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. These persons were not fighting. They were not angry with anyone, but bullets are indiscriminate. They were forced to flee. And they had to be fed. Your gifts were used to help them.

■ In September, we received many cables from Major J. K. Michael, Executive Director of the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) in India. The cables requested an amount up to $8 million for relief of flood victims in India. We here did not decide what should be sent and where it should go. The members of the church in India had, through Major Michael, asked for what they wanted—and both they and we knew that they could use the amount they requested, in good stewardship. Some 50,000,000 persons had been hurt by the flood in one way or another—a number greater than the entire population of England, though the news of the floods did not get much prominence in the U.S. press. But without your gifts we could not have responded so rapidly.

The church's response to a disaster does not end quickly. Our partners stay with the needs and work out new areas of development. And there is frequently a bonus: Members of the family who quarrel or do not speak to each other are often brought together when a disaster strikes. At least for a while—and sometimes permanently—a breach is healed, and new challenges can be taken on.

Refugee Service: $203,491*

At the end of World War II there were many displaced persons in Europe. Some of these decided to join their relatives in the United States who had come here a few years or a century before, and the congregations in local communities agreed to sponsor these families and help them get a start in a new world.

Today we have persons from many corners of the world who want that same opportunity to begin again in a new land:

■ A young man and his wife come from Burma. His father is a pastor in his hometown. He and his wife both have excellent educations. They feel the opportunities for them in their land are not what they want. So a congregation agrees to help them get started. A place to live is rented, and jobs are secured. From then on, the young family is on its own, except that the couple has a circle of friends in the congregation and community to help them when their separation from home and loved ones is hard to bear. So things work out well.

■ Sometimes, however, the situation is much more difficult. Sometimes a family new to our country has little command of English. Sometimes it is harder to get a job. Sometimes, as in every family, sickness strikes. But the task of resettlement is the same. The resettlement of these persons costs money. We must have staff in Geneva, in Church World Service, and in our own office to bring together the congregations who are willing to sponsor and the refugees who want to come.

■ But even that is not the whole story. Not everyone wants to leave home permanently. They need a place to go until the shooting stops. They want a place to go until the oppression ceases. They don't want to go far away. From Nicaragua, they went to Honduras and Costa Rica; from the Sudan they went to Ethiopia; and now from Ethiopia, they go to the Sudan. Three groups were struggling to make the country of Angola independent from Portugal, but they did not agree with each other. Today, the ones who were not a part of the successful group have moved into neighboring countries in the hope that there will be a settlement in Angola and they will be able to return and live at peace with each other. These persons do not want to go somewhere else to start over. So they are in camps and temporary places—waiting.

■ One of the pictures in this report shows Cambodians in Viet Nam where the struggles over who will control which country are not yet ended in Indochina. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has asked the nations to help in these countries.

■ We hope for peace in the Middle East, and so do the refugees. They speak and dream of the land that was their homeland for thousands of years, and to wait as a refugee for fifty years seems reasonable if there is hope of going back. Your gifts help hundreds, even thousands of such refugees.

■ Here is a young lady from South Africa. She arrived in the U.S. with a musical troupe. The show was forced to close because some looked upon it as a false picture of her beleaguered land. Now that she was here, she decided to seek a scholarship so that she could learn to be a beautician. The United Nations gave her a scholarship. In the last month, she was to take a course which cost three times as much as the U.N. tuition allowance. Her visa did not allow her to get a job, but she managed to trade her own labor for room and food. She had asked for no help except aid in paying her tuition. Somehow she found us and laid the case before us. Remember we are all in the family. Suppose she were in your community and came to the local congregation and appealed for help. Of course, you would have found help! The Division of World Service is here to act on behalf of all the local congregations in the sharing of the gifts as we see need. So your One Great Hour of Sharing dollars helped her through the crisis. She has returned to her home in South Africa with a new skill and a new chance.

Refugees are not a class or a bunch or a mob. They are persons and families. They are a part of our world family, and they have needs, and we share our gifts.

Social Service: $281,620*

It is not the easiest thing in all the world to label an action as "Disaster Relief," or "Refugee Service," or "Social Service," for these overlap in the needs to be met. The category we call "Social Service" receives its label for a variety of reasons. At the end of World War II, the Congregational Christian Service Committee began work in Italy with the families who had gone into caves and were living in rubble as a result of the war. The work that grew from that emergency response has blossomed into a whole program of social service including a hospital, day care for infants, study halls for children in crowded housing, and many other such services. Most of this work is supported locally. Yet there are also opportunities for the worldwide church to help.

■ Three years ago, you made several scholarships available with your One Great Hour of Sharing dollars, so that high-school-age young persons could go to an ecumenical church camp in northern Italy. Most of the young people in, for example, the fellowship of Casa Mia, a neighborhood house in Naples, had never seen other parts of their own city, much less other parts of Italy. They had little sense of the worldwide family of which we speak. But these young people, who, in the words of one of them "came home rejoicing" from their camping experience, have become the nucleus of the new leadership within the social service work of Casa Mia.

■ The work of the Social Work Foundation in Greece has been reported to you previously. One of the pictures in this *Annual Report* shows a spastic child learning to walk. This pre-school program for spastics, operated by the Foundation, has a whole team of persons to work with the children. There are speech therapists, physiotherapists, orthopedic specialists, as well as psychiatrists, to deal not only with the children but also with their parents. Many arts and crafts are necessary to give these children some sense of their own worth and to restore hope to a family not knowing how to cope. There must be joy in heaven when one of these little ones is helped not to stumble. There is surely joy in the family when the whole family joins through One Great Hour of Sharing to assist at a moment such as this.

■ No one knows how many children in this world are orphaned, or abandoned, or in families that, for one reason or another, are not able to care for them. In Sierra Leone, one faithful woman said that it was better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. So she gathered some of these unfortunates to herself and began to care for them. But she needed help. How we received the appeal is a long and circuitous route, but now some of the dollars you have given are helping her to care for some of these children.

Of course, we are not able to care for all those in need, but then Jesus did not rid Judea of leprosy; He healed the lepers who came to Him. We who are

His Church can reach out to those who come to us. Programs of "social service" are usually the outcome of a disaster response, or of our partners in the church in another land seeing a need which, with a little help, they could meet in their own community. It is our way of meeting a need *in the family*.

Development: $1,035,900*

Recently some Asian victims of disastrous floods were probing the need for food in their region as a result of the floods. The members of the group had themselves lost more than half their rice crops, and they centered in not only on their emergency need but also on such long-term problems as the need for irrigation systems, Agricultural Extension courses and training, and a revolving fund for fertilizer. The question was asked, "What is your priority between the two—emergency or long-term aid?" Immediately they answered, "Both!" Their logic was that they needed food desperately right now, but if we only helped with this need, they would need food again next year. Yet, it is true, many of our partners in our worldwide family say that they need the help to develop rather than immediate assistance. Their reasoning: They have been living with hunger for a long time, so it would be better to be aided over the long-term rather than just to receive emergency food at this point.

■ Feeding the hungry is a complex matter. One of the ways your gifts help is by providing machinery, as in one of the photographs shown in this *Annual Report*. With this machinery a small group of experts can either develop new machinery, or adapt it to suit their own needs. Thus they also are enabled to make their own replacement parts so that they are not dependent on the vagaries of international trade and foreign exchange. In Togo, for example, it is not enough to introduce a medium-sized tractor; there must also be spare parts available, and mechanics must be trained to repair and maintain the vehicles.

■ One of the most difficult elements in feeding the hungry is not the need for food or seeds or fertilizer or machinery. It is the need for water. The hungry areas of the world are areas which must depend on some form of irrigation. Water needs to be stored, or tapped from below the earth's surface. It has to be brought to the fields and made to flow in the right direction. The combination of water, good seed, and fertilizer can increase production dramatically. In the country of Belize, for example, new seed was needed after a series of droughts which ruined several plantings and replantings of corn. The only seed available was hybrid. But the common farmers had not been accustomed to using hybrid seed. Yet, through your gifts, Belize was enabled to become a corn-*exporting* nation instead of an *importing* nation (until Hurricane *Greta*). *And*, in the Philippines, an irrigation system for a small group of families, installed by the farmers themselves ten years ago, has made them independent for their food supply ever since. How much, you ask, did this cost? The answer: the investment was only $300 from One Great Hour of Sharing!

■ Development means not only food. Development also means training. One of the ways in which Dansalan College in the Philippines is providing that training is in teaching young women to sew. An investment by one part of our family for another part of our family has made it possible to set up the training course, and the young women shown in one of the photographs in this *Annual Report* will now be able to fend for themselves with a necessary trade. Your One Great Hour of Sharing dollars are also helping to make training programs possible in India, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America. One interesting agriculture training center is located in Japan, *but* its influence is far, far wider, for this training center teaches students from all over Southeast Asia and parts of Africa as well! Such training is a part of food production. The young man shown in the picture milking a goat had never made the acquaintance of a goat before he came to the training session. He wanted to try, and he came to a series of classes to learn to feed and care for the goat as well as to milk her.

■ The introduction of a new food is not always easy. In the instance of milk goats the children of that region did not take kindly to goat milk. One leader, however, discovered that these same children were delighted by a kind of popsicle made of Kool Aid which was available in local stores. This leader had the idea of mixing a bit of flavoring and sugar with the goat's milk and making popsicles. Now they cannot make enough goat-milk popsicles for these children, and the result is better nutrition.

The largest portion of the money you ask us to share with the family to meet their needs is spent in the area of helping persons to help themselves. But we have checked carefully, and the people we have helped well are now indeed beyond the need of our help and, in turn, they are helping others by example and by shared investment. And because they too are sharing, it is easier for God's love to dwell in them.

How to give

Each year you have the opportunity to make an offering of compassion on the occasion of One Great Hour of Sharing. This assures the ability of the church to respond and supports development programs which must take longer than one year. Throughout the year, whenever you are moved by compassion in response to a disaster or an emergency, make a contribution through your local church, clearly labeled for the purpose for which you are giving it. The church helps to deliver your compassion. This is the most efficient channel open to you.

The figures used in this report are preliminary. They are for the first ten months of 1978. Final figures will not be ready before the end of February, 1979. Audited figures are a part of the Treasurer's Report of the United Church Board for World Ministries.

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WHOLE EARTH NEWS BRIEFS

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On November 25, 1978, **DICK FAGAN**, B.S., M.S., director of the Philippines Rural Life Center in Dasmarinas, representative of Heifer Project International, and missionary of the UCBWM, was given the 1978 Squibb Award for Animal Science Extension by the Philippines Society of Animal Extension. Dick was cited as "a missionary preaching the Christian doctrine and an effective apostle of livestock production, particularly in improving the economic and social well-being of the minorities." Dick coordinates the livestock production training of farmers at the Center and represents Heifer Project in providing pigs, cattle, goats, and rabbits to farmers. He's a front-line fighter in the war against hunger among Asia's poor. Congratulations, Dick! In your well-deserved honor, you bring honor to the mission and the Board.

In the second week of January, $2000 was sent from OGHS funds to provide emergency food for the **HUNDREDS OF MUSLIM REFUGEES** crowding into Marawi City in the Philippines after government troops wiped out many villages. The request for help came from UCBWM missionary **LLOYD VAN VACTOR**, president of Dansalan College in Marawi City. The college has already set up a program of adult basic education to assist these refugees, and this was made possible by a $7000 grant from the Board's budgeted Opportunity Funds.

On September 30, 1978 a new church came into being, the **UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BELGIUM**. By overwhelming vote, three churches—l'Eglise Protestante de Belgique, l'Eglise Reformee de Belgique, and the Gereformeerde Kerken van Belgie—voted to become one, thereby uniting all ecumenically minded Protestant churches in Belgium and giving a concrete expression of the unity of Christian believers.

Poor, orphaned, or disabled girls from South India's villages; babies of working mothers in Bombay; "under-fives" in Indonesia, Rhodesia, and Ghana, where the death rate among children is frighteningly high—these are some of the children who will benefit from the **FAMILY THANK OFFERING** in 1979, the International Year of the Child. Your "plus gift" provides funding for important Board work that—without your support—may die on the vine. Remember the children!

UNICEF 4982/Speiser

In March a **TEAM OF JAPANESE CHRISTIANS** under Japanese leadership will be visiting the churches of North Carolina on a fraternal mission. The Tohoku International Christian Exchange is sponsor, and Mr. Tats Kokubo, chairperson of the Sendai Committee, is in charge of arrangements. For the past three years the Sendai Committee has been sending such groups to visit with church people in the U.S. The Rev. Edwin Alcorn, associate minister for Western North Carolina, Southern Conference, is the liaison person for the UCC.

There may be a place for you

Overseas Opportunities through the United Church Board for World Ministries

In **Indonesia** a specialist in church and community leadership development is needed *now.*

In **India** a management/accounting consultant for the training of the church's administrative personnel is needed *now.*

In **Italy** a social worker for Casa Mia Social Service Center is needed *now.*

In **Togo** an agricultural manager and extension worker is needed *now.*

In **Japan, Turkey, Botswana, India, and Zambia** teachers are needed *now.*

And in many more countries people with special skills are needed *now.*

If you believe in the worldwide mission of the church and in partnership among peoples; if you are willing to invest your abilities in a new land; if you are willing to work long hours for modest pay and high satisfaction . . .

. . . then there may be a place for you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE TO THE OVERSEAS PERSONNEL OFFICE, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027. Or save time and call (212) 870-2711.

ANNUAL MEETING OF UCBWM
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Two retired missionaries were voted the rank of "missionary emeritus": Lucile C. Hartman, who served 34 years in China and Hong Kong, and Hulda Stettler, who served 25 years in Italy. Roll of Honor medallions were presented to Miss Stettler and to Richard and Martha Lammers for their 25 years of service in Japan.

Finally, the corporate members recommended a budget of $7,713,130 for 1979, an increase of $538,130 over 1978.

The congregations of Wisconsin's UCC churches shared in the Board's Annual Meeting not only as visitors to the open meetings but as hosts to 168 "global partners," many of them from overseas, who spoke in their churches in the weeks preceding the meeting.

In Madison, Mrs. Myrbeth Culver, member of the UCBWM Board of Directors, was in charge of arrangements and the Rev. Hollis Bredeweg, corporate member from Indiana, was responsible for business arrangements. The 170th Annual Meeting will be held in November, 1979 in Denver.

FOOD PRODUCTION must double by the year 2000 if it is to keep up with the projected 57% increase in population and improve the diets of the malnourished. But by 2000, expanding cities will have covered 24 million hectares of cropland, which would have supplied food for 84 million people. Energy production—e.g., encroachment of strip mining on midwest and western farmlands—takes additional farmland out of production. Needed: national land use policies and increased family planning—worldwide.

World Board's Corporate Members Endorse Boycott of Nestle Products

At their recent annual meeting in Madison, UCBWM corporate members initiated and passed a resolution calling on the Swiss-based Nestle Company to cease promoting its infant formula where social and economic conditions make its preparation and use dangerous to consumers.

The resolution recommended boycotting all products manufactured or distributed by the company or its affiliates until objectionable promotional practices are stopped.

Because Nestle is not a U.S. company in which shares are held by the Board, it was impossible to bring pressure except through such direct action against Nestle products. That this kind of action can be effective is demonstrated by the fact that the Norwegian Dairy Sales Association has now cancelled their agency agreement affording virtually exclusive U.S. distribution rights of their Jarlsberg cheeses to Nestle. One of the major reasons cited by the NDSA for this action is that "this will have its desired effect in stopping using the Jarlsberg name in the campaigns against Nestle products."

PROBLEM IS PROMOTION

There is no dispute between Nestle and the churches supporting the boycott about the desirability of breast feeding wherever this is possible. That is theoretically accepted by all. The problem is high pressure sales and promotion methods which unnecessarily turn many mothers away from breast feeding toward inferior and often dangerous and harmful substitutes.

"Bottle Baby Disease" (so labeled by Third World Health specialists) is estimated to afflict over 10 million babies each year with malnutrition, gastroenteritis, and death related to bottle feeding.

To use infant formula safely, one must have access to a pure water supply, means of sterilization, refrigeration, literacy to read and understand exacting instructions, and sufficient income to buy adequate amounts of the product.

For the vast majority of people in hygienic conditions simply do not exist. Formula mixed with contaminated water and fed in unclean bottles becomes a breeding ground for bacteria. Lack of refrigeration and exposure to tropical heat compound a dangerous situation.

LETTER FROM DAVID STOWE

Writing to the president of Nestle U.S.A. to transmit the Board's action, David M. Stowe said: "To be quite specific, we request you to: 1) end direct advertising of formula to consumers; 2) end distribution of free supplies to hospitals, clinics, and homes of newborns; 3) end the use of company 'milk nurses'; 4) end promotion to the health professions and through health care institutions.

"I trust that you are moving in this direction and that you will soon provide us with evidence that you have in fact ended the damaging practices specified above. As soon as we have such evidence, we shall be delighted to inform our people that the boycott is ended."

BOYCOTT LIST

The boycott list includes: Nestle Quik and chocolate, Nescafe, Nestea, Taster's Choice, Sunrise Instant Choice, PERO, Maggi soups, Stouffer's brand, Libby's brand, Crosse & Blackwell, James Keiller & Son, Ltd., Crawford Products, Deer Park Mountain Spring Water, Gerber cheeses, Swiss Knight Cheese, Cherry Hill Old Fort Cheese, Provolone Locatelli, Kavli Crispread, Hum, Wispride, McVities, Major Grey's Chutney, Los Hermanos, Berringer wines, Souptime.

You can write to the Nestle Co. at 100 Bloomingdale Rd., White Plains, N.Y. 10605 to express your support of the boycott.

For further information, write to the Hunger Action Office, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive - 16th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027. Useful materials are also available at the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, 475 Riverside Drive - 5th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Human rights in South Korea

President Jimmy Carter plans to visit Korea early this year, probably after an economic summit in Japan when such considerations as military production and financing in Asia will be crucial agenda items.

Christian friends in Korea are paying a high price these days for their witness to human and civil rights. Many Christian leaders are now—or have been—imprisoned by the present regime. President Carter needs to know that a visit from him to President Park Chung Hee may strengthen Park's dictatorial hand against the democratic forces for human rights in Korea and erode his stature as a champion of human rights.

You can help the cause by writing letters to the President and other officials, bringing up these points:

– The President should not meet President Park unless major concessions are made by Park such as rescinding Emergency Measure No. 9, which outlaws criticism of the government.

– The President should insist on meeting with leaders in the Korean rights movement, such as: Catholic Cardinal Stephen Kim; executive secretary of the Korean National Council of Churches Rev. Kim Kwan-Suk; imprisoned ex-presidential candidate Kim Dae-Jung; imprisoned poet Kim Chi-Ha.

– The President should not make agreements that will over-arm South Korea.

– The President should not lend his prestige in any way to the Park regime.

Send your letters at once to the following persons: **President Jimmy Carter,** The White House, Washington, D.C. 20006; **Mr. Zbigniew Brzezinski,** National Security Council, The White House; **Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Ms. Pat Derian** of the Human Rights Desk, all at the Department of State, 2201 C St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20520.

Ecumenical Group Works for Religious Rights

Sixty-five residents of the village of Hotovitz in the Ukraine, USSR, have written a letter asking for help in gaining permission to keep their church open.

For 15 years these villagers have been trying to register their church, a requirement of Soviet law, which would then allow them to employ a priest. But the authorities have refused. While they wait, the villagers maintain the church, pay the taxes, and watch to make certain that the local government does not try to close the church forcibly or enter and desecrate it.

The letter ends: "We fervently appeal to you, help our grief, intercede for our church. Our people are all believers, only the local government are godless and do not give the people the church, to the accuracy of which we sign."

The letter has come to the office of Freedom of Faith, a new organization of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox church leaders working for the religious rights of all believers, regardless of their faith or of the political system under which they live.

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, pastor of Riverside Church in New York, is one of the presidents, and Dr. Howard Schomer, Europe/World Issues secretary of the UCBWM, is on the Board of Directors.

CALL FOR HELP AND ACTION: There are now more than **13 million refugees** in the world, according to the 1978 survey report of the U.S. Committee for Refugees. Church World Service, the service arm of the National Council of Churches, is urgently asking member churches—including the UCC—to sponsor and resettle 10,000 of these refugees *at once.* If your church can help as sponsor for a single person or for a family, write now to Ms. Elfriede Kohl, Service Division/UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

Bradford S. and Jean B. Abernethy, Volunteers, 9 months, Kenya, teaching in a private school. Brad will also preach in Nyeri Township Congregation.

Andreas J. Anggui, International Associate, 4 months, while serving in Central Pacific Conference. Home church: Toraja Christian Church, Indonesia.

Martha H. Butkofsky, Associate, 2 years, West Germany. Parish worker with Evangelical Church of West Berlin. Home church: Salem UCC, Harrisburg, PA.

Esperanza and Plutarco Bonilla, International Associates, 1 year, while serving Illinois South Conference. Home church: San Pablo Evangelical Methodist Church, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Emily Stearns Gibson, Volunteer, 5 months, Honduras, while serving as a tutor and assisting in Pinalejo Clinic. Home church: Word of Christ Evangelistic Association, West Paris, ME.

Mary-Beth Gilbertson, 3 years, Botswana. English teacher, Maun Secondary School. Home church: Messiah Lutheran Church, Park Ridge, IL.

Linda A. Gosselin, 3 years, Japan. Oral English teacher, high school division of Kobe College. Home church: Rollstone Congregational Church, Fitchburg, MA.

Terry A. Hollenbeck, Volunteer, Honduras. Physician among Mesquite Indians, Ahaus. Home church: Skyland Community Church UCC, Los Gatos, CA.

Gregorio P. Iyoy, International Associate, 3 months, while serving in the Washington-N. Idaho Conference. Home church: United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

Hedwig N. and Robert C. Lodwick, Associates, Switzerland. Bob is heading the Joint Office maintained at the Ecumenical Centre by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., and the United Church of Christ. Home church: Glen Rock Community Church, Glen Rock, NJ.

Anna Makwakwa, International Associate, 3 months, Hood College, MD. Home church: Soweto, South Africa.

Andrew Muwowo, International Associate, 6 months, while serving with the Penn West Conference. Home church: United Church of Zambia.

Melody Ann Schlueter, Volunteer, 3 months, India. Nurse, Katpadi Village Farm. Home church: St. Paul UCC, Davis, IL.

Arthur B. and Berendina T. Smith, Volunteers, 5 months, Taiwan. Radiologist (Arthur), English teacher (Berendina). Home church: Country Club Congregational UCC, Kansas City, KS.

Elizabeth G. and James R. Stricker, 3 years, Nepal. Hospital Administrator (James), United Mission Hospital, Tansen. Joint appointment with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Home church: First Christian Church, Cape Giradeau, MO.

Devasahayam Yesudhas, International Associate, 3½ months, while serving with Illinois College in Jacksonville, IL and the Jacksonville Church. Home church: Church of South India.

FURLOUGHS

Dorothy and Herbert Beecken (Japan), 2 months, beginning March.

Anna and William Edmonds (Turkey), 3 months, beginning June.

Audrey Gilg (Japan), 6 months, beginning July.

Charles and Gaby Hein (Kenya), 3 months, beginning July.

Douglas and Lois Hill (Turkey), 3 months, beginning July.

Armin and Evelyn Kroehler (Japan), 1 year, beginning July.

Charles and Joy Lord (Tanzania), 7 months, beginning April.

Barbara and William Mensendiek (Japan), 2 months, beginning July.

Johannes and Sylvia Meyer (Turkey), 3 months, beginning June.

Mark and Virginia Thelin (Taiwan), 2 months, beginning June.

COMPLETION OF TERM

Alexander and Fern Grant, administrative and social service work, Philippines and Taiwan (1952-1978, Alex; 1960-1978, Fern).

Reka B. and Samuel T. Kaetzel, teachers, Federal Theological Seminary, South Africa (1975-1978).

Cynthia D. Moe, nutritionist, Honduras (1976-1978).

Michael P. and Christine Testa, Joint Europe Office, World Council of Churches, Switzerland (1966-1978).

REASSIGNMENT

Barbara and Guy Alling to India, serving as community health administrators in Wai.

DEATHS

Marian W. Belcher, former missionary in Foochow, China (1914-1920), died on November 28, 1978 in Melrose, MA at the age of 86.

Surviving are two daughters: Priscilla (50 Ashland St., Melrose, MA 02176) and Louise Baker; and a son, Francis.

Ivy E. Craig, former missionary in Rhodesia (1919-1955), died on October 3, 1978 in Claremont, CA at the age of 90.

Miss Craig taught at Mt. Selinda Institute and served as principal of the Chikore School.

Surviving is a brother, Robert (4 Blythwood Dr., Greenville, SC 29601).

Aaron W. Downs, former missionary in Japan (1920-1926), died on May 28, 1978.

Helmer B. Ensrud, former misionary in Turkey (1970-1973), died on August 18, 1978.

George C. Grant, former missionary in Rhodesia and South Africa (1947-1973), died on October 26, 1978 in Cambridge, England at the age of 71.

Mr. Grant was a teacher and principal at Adams College in South Africa. He served as an organizing secretary of the first All-Africa Conference of Churches and was interim secretary of the AACC for one year.

In Rhodesia Mr. Grant was UCBWM Field Secretary and also served as a teacher and headmaster of a secondary school.

Surviving are his wife, Ida (10 St. Paul's Rd., Cambridge, CB1 2E2, England) and a sister, Mrs. H.M. Macrae.

Donald E. Meyerling, former missionary in Talas, Turkey (1958-1960) died in 1978.

Edward G. Nichols, former missionary in Sri Lanka (1921-1924) and India (1924-1953), died on November 19, 1978 in Wellesley, MA at the age of 79.

Mr. Nichols served at Jaffna College in Sri Lanka.

In India he was a district evangelistic and educational missionary in Dindigul and Batlagunda. He also trained lay church workers at Union Theological Seminary in Pasumalui.

After returning to the United States, Mr. Nichols served churches in Madrid, NY; Demorest, GA; and Norfolk, VA.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys (Wellesley Manor, Wellesley, MA 02181), a daughter, Josephine, and a son, Edward.

Oliver C. Skeene, former staff member for 20 years (1946-1966), died on October 29, 1978 in Bronx, NY at the age of 79.

Surviving is his wife, Mary (615 E. 168th St., Bronx, NY 10456).

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LATIN AMERICAN CHURCH COUNCIL IS FORMED

A widely representative assembly meeting last September in Oaxtepec, Mexico, approved the formation of a Latin American Council of Churches. Some 212 delegates from 110 denominations and 10 ecumenical organizations in 10 Latin American and Caribbean countries participated in the conclave.

Delegates from all the UCC-related churches in the area were present, taking advantage of this occasion to meet together for the first time as a regional team.

A 14-member executive board that includes a UCC representative was elected to put into operation the provisional structure of the Council. This board will seek the participation of all the churches in Latin America at the grass roots level, especially those not represented at Oaxtepec.

The assembly bears witness to the new spirit of ecumenism developing in Latin America and the Caribbean. The UCBWM supports all such ecumenical efforts and agencies seeking to bring the evangelical churches of the region together in witness, nurture, and service.

PLATO COMES TO BOARD

On December 1, 1978 "PLATO" took up a one-year residence at the Board's New York office. PLATO, an acronym for "Programmed Logic for Automatic Teaching Operations," is a computer terminal linked with the Control Data Corporation's bank of some 400 courses.

The Corporation, interested in the social responsibility views of the UCBWM and in its commitment to education and vocational training in developing countries, volunteered to lend this equipment so that staff members of the UCBWM and other church agencies could study the potential of such computer-based training in various educational programs in which they are involved.

The link between Conrol Data and the UCBWM was established by the World Issues Office under Howard Schomer.

Audio-Visuals on Mideast

Two new audio-visuals on Christian work in the Near East are now available in your conference office:

Hope for Life is a 35-minute, 16 mm. color film produced by the mission and service agencies of several denominations including the UCC. It effectively portrays the work of the national Christians and of the churches in these bitter and war-scarred lands.

Building Bridges, a color filmstrip with a tape cassette, is a personal report by the UCBWM's Near East secretary, Margaret Blemker, on the three UCC-related schools in Turkey and the special contribution they make to educational development.

Coming Up

February 12-15 in Washington, D.C., at the 4-H Center, the **UCC National Consultation on World Hunger** will include a major presentation on development followed by lobbying on Capitol Hill. There will also be study workshops on welfare reform, energy development and hunger, the New International Economic Order, and development and justice through trade; and strategy workshops on lifestyle assessment, building public policy networks, and creating a global perspective in local congregations. Each UCC Conference has been invited to send three delegates.

April 16-20 in Montpelier, Vermont, a conference on **Modern Chinese Values** sponsored by the Vermont China Project of the University of Vermont and other educational institutions. UCBWM associates Ray and Rhea Whitehead, formerly of Hong Kong and now with Canadian churches, will be among the leaders. They are co-authors of the current Friendship Press study book, *China: Search for Community.*

For information write the Rev. David Robinson, 269 Upper Main St., Montpelier, VT 05602.

THE PEKI SEMINARY in Ghana is appealing for old issues of the former UCC Christian education materials no longer being used by churches that have adopted the new curriculum. Churches having such materials to share and willing to pay the cost of mailing should contact Dr. Richard Stenhouse, UCBWM Africa Office, 475 Riverside Drive - 16th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10027.

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